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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Use of System 13A and 12B by the Air Force in Vietnam**

1. System 13A and System 12B have been installed on a modified B-57 aircraft by the Air Force. This aircraft is to be tested Thursday [ ] and deployed to Vietnam on Friday. The precise use of this aircraft in Vietnam is not known. [ ] OSA Materiel, arranged for Col. Welch and Col. Honeywell, who work in Gen. Geary's organization, to discuss this installation with [ ] on 2 November. They are anxious to have our help in a number of areas. For one thing, there has been no engineering check-out on the installation, and through [ ] persuasion they now have some doubt about how well these installations might work. This lack of confidence essentially stems from the fact that the cross section of the modified B-57 is not well known, and consequently the [ ] which the 13A would provide cannot be ascertained, therefore, the 13A might not be effective. Specifically, they have asked that [ ] be sent [ ] to assist in the check-out of this equipment, and to make some estimates as to how effective the installation may be.

2. I recommend that the project status be checked with either Gen. Geary or Dr. Foster, and our reservations about the effect of loss or compromise of the 13A's advanced circuitry be evaluated against the objectives which the B-57 may achieve. We should offer to assist as we are able, but leave the assessment of system effectiveness in their hands.

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